PORTLAND, OREGON, THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1921

#### PRICE FIVE CENTS

## KILLED, 7 HURT IN \$75,000 FIRE

Karl Gunster Dies in May Apartments Blaze.

Fuel to Fire.

Their Apartment by Smoke and Several Others Are Saved.

22 and president of the Firefighters' association, was killed, seven other persons were injured or overcome with smoke fumes and property damage estimated at \$75,000 resulted from apartments, Fourteenth and Taylor structure from basement to roof with alarming rapidity.

flames that many of the residents of of trustees, with a paid manager. All the four-story structure had diffi- applications for culty in making their escape and it passed on by a committee of three was necessary for the firemen to put bankers from the state, county or up ladders and rescue many of them. township from which the applica

Seven Are Injured. The Injured included P. E. Clifford,

Mr. and Mrs. M. Eagen, residents of the apartment, both singed and ptenant C. W. Bates, engine 3.

singed about the face. Van Loan, fireman truck 4,

on hands.

Gunster was making an investigation on the third floor of the apartment house in an effort to learn the the building when he was overcome had been married before. with the fumes and smoke. He was Eddle Kondo, 21, a Chinese, and found lying on the floor by P. E. Miss Ida Strand, 19, a white girl, both as soon as practicable and without Clifford, fireman of engine 3, who of Tacoma, had obtained their license stumbled over him. Clifford himhere last week and were married by sel was partially overcome by the a Chinese minister in Portland. When have been taken for the evacuation will be received by President Harding. fumes and smoke, but he managed to it was discovered that this was IIIe- of the portion of the province held by drag Gunster to the window and gal, they came here today and the the Japanese, the military force have The man's unconthe fire escape and lowered down

Clifford gave out before the ground was reached and Lieutenant Dooney PUPILS TO BUY BOOKS sprang to the rescue and bore Gunster's body to the ground.

#### Efforts to Revive Fail.

Efforts to revive Gunster, under the direction of Dr. R. W. Sipple, Dr. Ivan Wooley of the city emergency hospi- held a meeting to try to find some tal, Dr. R. B. Heacox, first-aid man jack Cody, Multnomah club swimming furnishing free text-books, and to reinstructor, were unsuccessful. The man was taken from the building place the neating plant in the wasnshortly after 3 o'clock and efforts to demned. about 4 o'clock before he was finally levy 3.75 miles above the 10-mill legal pronounced dead. The body was limit was voted down yesterday, 511 turned over to the coroner's office. A number of sensational rescues

residents were compelled to leave the bonds would be turned down. D. F. building by means of the fire escapes. When the fire first broke out Mr. Eagen, who is 81 years of age, ran down to see what was the matter. He

then ran back to his apartment on the go," he said, "as we have no money to fourth floor in the effort to rescue buy them." his wife. They were penned in the apartment by smoke and were finally rescued by firemen, with the assist- SEARCH FOR TUG RENEWED ance of Lieutenant B. W. Ayres of the Dudrey Aircraft company. They were Dereliet Reported Thought to Be overcome with smoke and were taken to the police emergency hospital for treatment.

Smoke Drives Woman Back.

apartment on the fourth floor, at pedo-boat destroyers Edsail, Parrott, of the stairway but was driven back port. The destroyers are under orby the smoke and fumes. She broke ders to search for a derelict reported the glass of the window with her sighted last week by an officer of hands and managed to make her way the steamship Floridian. down to the fire escape to safety. This derelict was reported sighted She suffered a cut hand but was about 200 miles south of here, near

the face when he was caught by a believing there is a possibility that backfire resulting from the burning it may be the wreck of the Conestoga. gas released from the meters near navy department officials ordered a the entrance to the structure. He search to be made for the hull. was also sent to the police emergency

hospital for treatment. H. Van Loan and George Stockdale MAN PLUNGES TO DEATH were burned while entering the building to combat the fiames but Supposed Idaho Doctor Commits

Fireman Clifford, after he had par ticipated in the rescue of Gunster. was sent to the police emergency believed to be Dr. W. R. Welcott of hospital for treatment. He was later sent to his home.

#### Gas Adds to Finnes.

The fire started in a tool room beneath the front stairway and swept roof so that within a very few of the building without building was a mass of flames. Paint in the tool room and the gas released added to the conflagration and smoke (Concluded on Fage 4, Octumn 2.)

## BANKERS PREPARED

FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR RE-

J. P. Morgan House.

CHICAGO, June 15 .- A bankers' \$50,000,000 pool, designed to give im-mediate relief, by loans to livestock men, was recommended today by Chiago, New York and other bankers meeting here at the request of Secre-

tary of the Treasury Mellon. Under the plan outlined, bankers Leaking Gas and Paint Add of the United States will participate Early Return of Shantung to n the pool, which, according to John R. Mitchell of the federal reserve system and Eugene Meyer, managing director of the war finance corporation, should tend toward bringing financial relief to stockraisers. Mr. MANY ARE CARRIED OUT Mitchell and Mr. Meyer represented RIGHTS TO BE PROTECTED Secretary Mellon

The session today follow a conferin Washington between Secretary Mellon, Secretary Hoover, Senators Capper of Kansas and Kenyon Through the recommendations which later will be presented for ratification by a conference o Chicago bankers, who will in turn confer with New York financiers. livestock men would be enabled to procure 36 months' credit on loans made at current rates, plus 1 per cent, and not to exceed 8 per cent.

Ratification of the plan is expected by both Chicago and New York bank-The J. P. Morgan house, it was a fire which broke out in the May said, had announced that it stood ready to participate to the extent of streets, yesterday afternoon shortly \$25,000,000 if the plan met with the after 2 o'clock and swept through the approval of the united banking execu-

So rapid was the spread of the be placed in the hands of a committee

#### fireman of engine 3, overcome by JUNE WEATHER EFFECTIVE

Mrs. F. E. Blecker, resident of the Fourieen Couples Obtain Marriage

Licenses in Vancouver. VANCOUVER, Wash., June 15 -(Special.)-The warm June weather and smiling skies are having their effect. marriage licenses at the courthouse, in addition to a couple who had been George Stockdale, fireman, burns married once before and found their marriage was illegal because it was performed in Oregon on a Washing-

Of the 14 couples married today

cious body was then lifted out onto ceremony to make the knot doubly

Walla Walla School Board Lack: Cash to Furnish Free Texts.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 15 .-(Special.)-The school board today way out of the dilemma which arose of the federal bureau of mines, and from their lack of money to continue place the heating plant in the Wash-

The proposal to increase the school

featured the fire, which gave up such for the new heating plant was dis-A proposal to call a bond election a dense mass of suffocating fumes custed today, but no decision was and smoke that the majority of the made, as fear was expressed that the Baker, chairman of the board, said that the bond election may be decided on as the only way out.

Hulk of Conestoga. SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 15.-Renewed search for the missing tug Concetoga, missing since March 27. Mrs. F. E. Blecker who had an was instituted today, when the tortempted to make her escape by means McCormick, McLeish and Simpson left

where an overturned life boat was Lieutenant Bates was burned about picked up several weeks ago and.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 15 .- A man Moscow, Idaho, committed suicide here this afternoon by jumping from the roof of a five-story bank build-ing. Possible identification was made an envelope found in a coat pocket addressed by W. R. Wolcott and bear-

up the dumb waiter shaft to the ing a Moscow date.

## TO HELP STOCKMEN AMERICA, JAPAN SEEK SETTLEMEN

Direct Negotiations on Big Issues Begun.

COOLIES SOUGHT

China Is Slated.

Adjustment of Yap Issue to Be Left to Meeting of League of Nations Council Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15 .-By the Associated Press.)-Direct negotiations have been begun between the United States and Japan for the settlement of the questions

These include the island of Yap. the immigration question, the alien land question and the return of Shan-

tung to China by Japan. The negotiations are being conducted by Baron Shidehara, the Japanese ambassador, and Secretary Hughes. The settlement of the Yap would make unnecessary nuestion the consideration of this question by

the league of nations. It had been expected that the Yap neet tomorrow in Geneva. France. in an answer to the American protest against the award of the mandate for the island to Japan, sald it would bring the subject before the council. is understood that the basis for settlement in the negotiation between Ambassador Shidehara and Secretary Hughes will be the internationaliza-Today 14 couples obtained tion of the cable privileges on the

#### Ban on Coolies Sought.

The proposal is to settle the imm gration issue on the basis of the complete stoppage of all Japanese tection for Japanese property rights seat of the fire in that section of just half the number admitted they siready acquired in the United States. Japan's promise to return Shantung

to China, it is said, is to be executed summoned help from some of the ceremony was repeated. A Chinese lng been reduced to between 2000 Methodist minister later performed a and 3500 soldiers. Advices from ceremony to make the knot doubly. Tokio have said this force would be withdrawn when China provided guards for the railroad and property in the towns.

Common Rights to Be Kept. Japan, it is stated, will retain only such privileges in the province as I ere common to the other nations, such | the house of representatives. as a portion of the International com-

## LODGE AND W'

Ohio Senator on Warpath Because President Named C. H. Nauts as Revenue Collector.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15. Senators Lodge, republican leader, and Willis of Ohio, who nominated President Harding at Chicago, are on the war path over some recent appointments made by the president. Senator Lodge has expressed disutisfaction with the nomination of

Professor Julius Klein of Harvard reau of foreign and domestic commerce, and at his request the senate commerce committee deferred action financing the livestock industry. It today on the nomination until tomorrow. Professor Klein was chosen by Secretary Hoover, and it was reported before the expiration of his term, Authat the president had sent the nom- gust 14, this year, although the ination to the senate without con- treasury department stands ready to sulting the republican leader. Senator Willis continued his oppo

sition to the appointment of C. H. properly indorsed. Naults of Toledo, O., to be collector of internal revenue in Ohio. Both he and Senator Lodge were White House tors. Richard M. Turner has resigned

Another patronage row reported F. A. Linney, republican state chair man of North Carolina, to be federal district attorney for North Carolina. He is encountering opposition from influential senators because of an al leged letter opposing voting last No vember by negroes.

These and other patronage troubles vere said to be the cause of some sults were probable.

In the case of Governor Scott C Bone of Alaska it was learned that New York senators were surprised to have him charged, or credited, to of the league council, which is to New York state and did not know he opposition, however, was made to confirmation of his nomination

#### GOVERNOR BONE SWORN IN

ew Alaska Executive Formally In stalled in Office.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15 .-Scott C. Bone, former director of publicity for the republican national comment in the presence of Secretary as is probable, his appointment w Fall, members of the Alaskan terri- be largely due to Senator McNary. torial delegation in congress and others interested in Alaskan affairs. Before departing for Alaska Gov-

#### HARDINGS ARE AT WEDDING President Sees Speaker Gillett's

Step-Daughter Married. WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15 .-

President and Mrs. Harding were stepdaughter of Speaker Gillett of Miss Hoar became the bride of Reginald Foster of Boston.

#### **HUNTLEY MAY GET** MILT MILLER'S JOB

ER OPPOSED OREGON CITY MAN BELIEVED CHOICE OF SENATORS.

> McNary and Stanfield Asked to Recommend Successor to Internal Revenue Collector.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., June 15,-The Oregon senators have been requested by the treasury department to recommend a successor to Milton A Miller, present collector of internarevenue for the district of Oregon. Senator McNary said that no action

iniversity to be director of the bu- Senator Stanfield from Chicago, who is attending the conference called there to raise a \$50,000,000 pool for is not believed that the senators will take any steps to disturb Mr. Miller make the change at once if the senators will present their candidate Stories Floating Around Neighbor-

gon are awaiting action by the senacallers today, but neither saw the as receiver of the land office at Roseburg. The terms of the register and receiver at The Dalles land office brewing is over the nomination of have expired, also the terms of regiater and receiver at La Grande,

Clyde G. Huntley of Oregon City, in the clutch of circumstance? ember of the executive board of the republican state central comtive choice of Senators McNary and tained witness." friction between the capitol and the Stanfield for the position of collector sidered the best of the federal jobs the Agee family in the St. Johns board officials. the position. Fully a month ago inment, and the belief is deep-rooted that none of his opponents can take the appointment away from him now,

tic about this gossip.

in the legislature as well as being \$5000 ball. mittee, was sworn in today as gov- a member of the republican state orernor of Alaska. The oath was ad- ganization, has the backing of Thomministered by Justice McKenna of the as H. Tongue, state chairman. If Mr. supreme court at the interior depart- Huntley is the successful applicant as is probable, his appointment will

Mr. Miller occupies a non-tenur office, so that while the second four ernor Bone will confer with Secretary years of his incumbency expires Auof the

President and Mrs. Harding were gon public service commission, passed guests at the wedding here today in Saint John's church of Frances Hoar, stendaughter of Speaker Gillett of stendaughter of the Southern Pacific company near hue. Joseph, and an undergrade crossing under the tracks of the Southern Paeific company near Whiteson

### WIDOW AND MUSIC TEACHER IN JAIL

Pair Arrested After Harry Agee Murder.

would be taken until the return of Rage Shakes Prisoner When Photograph Is Taken.

GRAND JURY ACTS TODAY

hood Are to Be Related Before Investigators.

with an unshakeable nerve capable of one of the most sordid and cruel unjust suspicion, an innocent victim

One or the other seems the only possible theory. She was taken to mittee, is believed to be the tenta- jail yesterday and booked as a "de-Today she will be within the state of Oregon and there district and police officers, have been have been a number of candidates for summoned to tell all they know of circumstances surrounding the murformation trickled to Oregon from der of Harry Agee, carpenter, whose they were hoisted aboard as "engine Washington that Mr. Huntley had throat was cut with a razor as he the edge on this particular appoint- slept early last Saturday morning.

#### It is no secret that official suspi-

ion is directed toward Mrs. Agee was an aspirant for the place, is By virtue of a "John Doe" warrant, considered out of it. Rumors are the unknown being charged with the that negotiations have been under killing, Mrs. Agee was taken to jail way to make Mr. Pears collector of yesterday by the police and J. H. customs, but there is nothing authen- Klecker, 30, Mrs. Agee's music teach-Mr. Huntley, who has seen service tained witness." Both were held on

Placed in Jail in the early after ioon, Mrs. Agee was as a caged tigress. Asked by newspaper photographers to pose, she raged in fury when she thought her picture had cen made and dared that it be run. After her attorney had talked with her, however, she came out into the corridor and posed in utter silence internal She would make no statement, but

blouse of sheer silk and a checked Railroad of New Jersey tonight. the fashion is, with neat shoes and teer organization, were on their way assessment now levied against esslik stockings. She is of fair com- to a small warehouse fire when the tates, it was suggested.

#### Widow's Father Arrives.

Mrs. Agec's father, D. J. Swing of Norwood, Mo., arrived yesterday, having been telegraphed news of the tragedy, and it had been planned to tragedy, and it had been planned to take Mr. Agee's body back to Missouri at once for burial. Whether TODAY'S—Fair, westerly winds. Mrs. Agee expected to return was not known. However, these plans await a complete inquiry into the

mysterious killing. Mrs. Agec did not fall, weeping. upon her father's breast and sob ou the assertion that she was innocent when her father appeared. She was perhaps the calmest one in the party, augmented by the presence of attor nevs. As she has always been since the tragedy, she was entirely collected, with every emotion well in

hand. Klecker, ordered held as a witness, is a janitor in the Henry building and lives at 1184 East Harrison street He is unmarried and was born in Wisconsin, baving lived here for the past 23 years. He teaches the slide trombone, an instrument Mrs. Agee plays in the Rebekah band. He was said to have given Mrs. Agee numerous lessons at her home, and it was believed he might be able to shed some light upon the case. Officials do not entertain any suspicion that he might have struck the blow that

Rumors to Be Recounted.

Witnesses at the grand jury inves tigation this morning are expected to e-enact, as fully as is possible, the scenes immediately following the stroke with the razor that death stroke with the razor that killed the St. Johns carpenter as he slept beside his wife in his little home on Druid street, with their two young children asleep in the next room.

Carpenter's camp. Tas.

Los Angeles 5: at Seattle 6. San Francisco of the class o Rumors and various stories have

been set affoat and it is hoped to synchronize them all into a connected and logical sequence. There is the story, for instance, that Ageo, wounded unto death, weakening as his life ebbed away, unable to utter an intel-belle word, sought to point out an ligible word, sought to point out accusingly someone whom he believed had done the crime.

District Attorney Evans is determined all the facts shall be brought out, and Deputies Hamereley and Maximum school benefit, sugan of C. B. Pierce, both skilled in criminal work, are actively in the case. Inspectors Hy Eilers is not in jail, as supposed Page 9. Tackaberry and Wright of the police Page 1.

department have made a careful in- Raiph E. Williams declares went's influence in party is growing. Page 19. vestigation and will not be satisfied until the case is cleared up. Acting for Mrs. Agee are John and Henry Collier, T. Walter Gillard and D. C. Lewis, attorneys.

Insurance on Agee's life was said (Concluded on Page 5, Column 2)

#### MACHINE GUNS SEIZED IN SHIP AT HOBOKEN

CRAFT LOADING FOR IRISH

Customs Officials and Police Clash Over Possession and Govern-

ment Begins Inquiry.

NEW YORK, June 15 .- (By the Asociated Press.)-More than 500 mahine guns, with bundreds of spar parts, suspected by government officials to have been destined for Ire land, were seized today by custom

The arms, found on the American steamship East Side, were subst quently taken from the customs men as they were being carted from the pler by Hoboken police, acting on a search and seizure warrant sworn ou by Frank Williams. No further in formation concerning him was available. He alleged they had been stolen from him June 11. The arms we taken to police headquarters at Hoboken and will be held pending hearing to determine who is entitled to their custody.

According to reports reaching gov ernment agencies, two changes of crews, brought about by the marks strike, resulted in discovery of the arms. It is reported that a membe of one of the crews "tipped off" gov ernment investigators.

Presence of the arms on the Eas or is she an unfortunate target for United States shipping board, or its managing operators, until they were informed of their discovery by federal investigators. The East Side real estate may be relieved of at least cleared today for Norfolk, where, according to the police, she was to take of government and at the same time a cargo of coal for Ireland. Investi-White House, but republican leaders of internal revenue. This is con- cloud of 15 witnesses. Neighbors of department of justice and shipping

One report is that the arms were smuggled aboard from launches at night, and, swathed in burlan bars room supplies." A member of the crev cut into one of the bags, disclosing a machine gun. The arms were found concealed

about the ship. They were removed to the dock and placed under customs guards and today, while being removed to a warehouse, fell into the hands of the police by virtue of the search and seizure warrant. WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15 .- The

department of justice tonight ordered the arms seized on the steamer East Side at Hoboken, to determine wheth er they constituted a shipment for

#### 6 FIREMEN ARE KILLED 10 Others Are Injured When Truck

Hits Express Train, president instead of for a Tawny, reddish hair and her quick Six firemen were killed and 10 others automobiles again on the tax rell, specific four-year term, as is the case movements in the cell gave her a injured when a fire truck crashed levy taxes against certain ships that with the district attorney, marshal tigerish look. She is 26 years old into the tender of the Barnegat exand was dressed in an attractive press at a crossing of the Central of their registration port, provide a sport skirt of modish cut, short, as The firemen, members of a volun-

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## TAXES CONSIDERED

Poll Tax Proposal Is to Be Weighed.

MONEY IS NEEDED

Placing of Automobiles on Roll Is Discussed.

BUSINESS LEVY DEBATED

Several Investigations Launched by Committee and Ways to Get Money Will Be Considered.

the demandy upon the public coffers, were discussed at the initial meeting of the so-called tax investigation umittee held here today

Although today's session was deoted largely to organization, prewhich under the present system evade its agents in New York to investigate their share of government responsi-

Poll Tax to Be Considered. In preliminary to the next meeting of the committee, when a definite plan of investigation will be outlined. it was suggested today that careful consideration should be given to the question of recommending a poli tax. The members of the committee also should study the suggestion to place comes and if necessary increase the

There also was some discussion as to whether automobiles, if placed on the tax rolls, should be made exempt from a part of the license now paid Practically every member of the committee was of the opinion that the license should remain at the present figure and that the tax should be lev-

ed in addition. Business Tax Proposed.

I. N. Day, chairman of the committee, said that the license system, as interpreted by many courts, was preto the cost of regulation and was not considered tax revenue. As a result, he said he could not see any reason why many businesses now licensed should not also pay a reasonable tax. Mr. Day referred especially to signs. which he said now escaped taxation

located on private lands. Three committees, composed of members of the general committee. in were appointed by the chairman to investigate various phases of the tax situation and report as quickly as

To Coe A. McKenna and Walter Pierce was assigned the task of in-Son not Stillman's, witnesses for banker vestigating farm lands, grazing lands testify. Page 3. these men will study the relationship of taxes to the income of real prop-Revision of state taxes is considered, erty, number of persons paying real property tax in proportion to population, proportion of real property taxes levied against lands and improvements, segregation of property according to income available, millage taxes, proportion of taxes collected on farm lands, grazing land and city property, proportion of taxes paid by improved property bearing income to unimproved property bearing no income, and poll tax.

> Sums Raised to Be Studied. C. S. Chapman and Charles Brand will study the present methods of taxation in the different counties, amount of revenue now raised, methods of raising taxes in other states and countries, taxation of merchantable tim-Henry Reed and E. H. Smith will

trust companies, insurance corporations, utilities deposits, shipping and mining. Later a sub-committee will be named

to investigate valuations, with a view of more equality. Organization of the committee was perfected through the election of I. N. Day as chairman, Henry Reed vice-

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# POINTMENT.

Several other federal jobs in Oreregister at Lakeview and receiver at

John H. Peare of La Grande, who

Crossing Hearings Held. SALEM, Or., June 15 .- (Special )-

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